

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

Copy: Cllr Weeks, SNDC, Cllr Spratt, NCC

Meeting of the Parish Council Monday the 5th of January 2015 at 7.30 at the Village Hall AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 1st of December 2015
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor Spratt
- 6 Report from District Councillor Weeks
- 7 Highways
- 8 Standing Orders
- 9 Correspondence/Communication
Resignation Mrs Holly
Hedges in Fen Lane
- 10 Planning Bressingham Hall – Wedding venue
Oakdene Luana, High Road 2014/2564
- 12 Finance
Agree precept
- 13 Any Other Business
- 14 Date of next meeting - planning

Mike Mortimer
Parish Clerk

Bessingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th of January 2015

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors – Chair, Mrs J Delasalle, Mr R Hewitt, Mrs L Pearce,
Mr B Claybrook, Mr K Traynier, Mrs J Harvey, three members of the public and the clerk, Mr M Mortimer,

1 Apologies

Mrs A Lawson and Mr K Weeks

2 Declaration of Interests

None.

3 To agree the minutes of the 1st of December 2014

The minutes were agreed

4 Matters arising from the minutes

District Councillor Weeks who sent his apologies had asked the clerk to clarify South Norfolk's policy on bottle banks following remarks made at a previous meeting. The clerk explained that South Norfolk's policy was to retain bottle banks for a year at least following the change in the recycling of domestic waste which allowed bottles to be put in green bins.

5 Report from County Councillor Spratt

Mr Spratt reported that he was aware of the correspondence between the PC's Chair and the Highways department and Highway's response which left him little room for manoeuvre. He said that nevertheless he would continue to pursue the PC's requests.

On the gritting issue he informed the council that a scheme was underway whereby PCs could pay for the gritting of roads not done by the county on their revised schedule. Mr Hewitt expressed concern about a trend to pass down costs which should be the responsibility of the higher body.

Mr Spratt expressed his concern that savings in the road maintenance costs and additional money from central government for roads was not ring fenced with the possibility it would be given to other departments.

6 Report from District Councillor Weeks

Mr Weeks was unable to attend.

7 Highways

Mr Hewitt said he was maintaining his list of necessary repairs for the Highways department and that damage to verges was presenting a growing and very serious problem.

Mrs Delasalle reported on an email she had just received from Highways in response to all the issues she had raised with them. The email stated that none of the speed limits in the parish would be lowered. It did offer the possibility of a playground sign in The Street, that some of the signs would be improved and that the triangle at the bottom of School Road would become part of the regular maintenance schedule. Mrs Delasalle said she would continue to argue for a reduction in the speed limit between the village and the airfield.

The possibility of anti-speeding signs on dustbins was discussed and Mr Traynier agreed to look into possibilities and costs.

8 Standing Orders

Mr Claybrook and the clerk agreed to look at alternative models for standing orders.

9 Correspondence

The clerk referred to Mrs Holly's resignation letter and read a thread of emails regarding hedges in Fen Lane. He reported letters of thanks from the PCCs for the donation towards maintenance of the burial grounds.

10 Planning

Three members of the public were allowed to comment on the application for a wedding venue at Bressingham Hall. All were opposed and pointed out faults and inconsistencies in the application. Mrs Delasalle explained that the PC shared their objections especially with regard to noise. It was agreed that Mrs Delasalle and Mrs Pearce should represent the PC at the planning committee meeting to make comment and object.

In the event of approval being given it was suggested by a member of the public that if a judicial review was instigated the association of the parish council would be helpful. No decision regarding association with any judicial review was made by the PC at this time.

Approval of applications for Oakdene and a new roadway at Three Gates Farm Fen was recommended.

11 Finance

A report was made available

A request for a donation from the Village Hall was considered. It was agreed that £1500, half of the shortfall required for repairs to the hall, should be made on a matched fund basis.

A parish precept of £6823 was agreed

12 AOB

Mr Traynier referred back to a previous decision to replace the notice boards. He agreed to establish suppliers and costs.

13 Next meeting date

2nd February at the Village Hall at 7.30